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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Compounds for Deactivating Phospholamban Function
on Ca-ATPase (Phospholamban Inhibitors)**
Inventors: POLLESELLO *et al.*
Our Ref: 1102.0250003

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

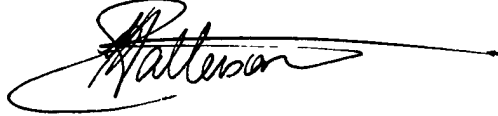
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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated **August 13, 2003**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 16), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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